

SHOOTS MAN IN COLD BLOOD

R. C. POOLER OF TAOS SLAIN BY
BULLET THROUGH WINDOW
OF HOME.

WAS READING BY LAMPLIGHT

VICTIM WAS CHAIRMAN OF DEM-
OCRATIC COUNTY CENTRAL
COMMITTEE.

MOTIVE WAS TRIVIAL ONE

GEORGE POTTER, THE MURDER-
ER, IN JAIL, IN DANGER OF
BEING LYNCHED.

Special to The Optic.

Santa Fe, N. M., March 27.—R. C. Pooler, chairman of the democratic county central committee of Taos county, and one of the most prominent democratic politicians in western New Mexico was assassinated last night at Taos by George Potter, a local character.

Pooler was shot down as he was sitting by a lamp reading in the parlor of his home, his slayer firing through a window with a 40-70 Winchester. The bullet pierced his lungs and death followed within a few moments, Pooler expiring in the arms of his wife.

Because of threats made by Potter, suspicion at once pointed to him as the murderer. He was arrested a short time after the shooting and the Winchester with which the shooting was done was found in his possession. He was placed in jail under a heavy guard, as threats of lynching were freely made last night by friends of his victim.

The motive for the killing was the aid extended the wife of Potter a few weeks ago by Pooler. Potter was beating his wife, it is said, when Pooler, hearing her cry for help, went to her rescue and forced the brutal husband to desist. This greatly enraged Potter, who swore he would kill Pooler at the first opportunity.

Potter returned only a few days ago from Colorado, where it is said he was under arrest on suspicion of being implicated in a train robbery.

News of the killing, which reached here this morning, has caused a sensation. Governor Curry has ordered Captain Fred Fornoff, of the territorial police, who is at Raton, to proceed to Taos at once and take charge of Potter and bring him to the territorial penitentiary here for safe keeping as he jail at Taos is a ramshackle affair. Fornoff will reach Taos tomorrow. In the meantime every precaution will be taken to prevent a lynching.

DEATH COMES TO RELIEF OF ANOTHER MERCHANT

Henry Levy, who for many years had been a successful dry goods merchant in East Las Vegas, died of liver trouble at 8 o'clock last evening at his home, 517 Sixth street. His illness had extended over many months and it seemed that every possible human effort had been put forth to stay the ravages of deadly disease, but to no avail. Though expected, his death is none the less sad and regrettable. His age was 50 years. He is survived by a wife and a daughter, Miss Pauline Levy. He has a brother residing in New York, Alex Levy, who was formerly a partner of the deceased in business here, also other relatives in that state.

Henry Levy was born in New York. He came to Las Vegas in 1881 and entered the employ of Charles Ilfeld as a dry goods salesman. He remained with that establishment till about fifteen years ago when he established an exclusive dry goods store on Sixth street and has conducted it profitably ever since.

Deceased was a member of the

Woodmen of the World, the I. O. O. F., and the I. O. B. B.

The funeral will take place Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the family residence. Services prescribed by Jewish rites will be conducted by Rabbi J. S. Ralsin.

It is told in Holy Writ that for all things there is a season. Such is also true of persons. There is a time to love, a time to hate, a time to laugh, a time to weep, a time to destroy, a time to rejoice and a time to mourn. The latter time has now come to the bereaved household of Henry Levy.

Sustains Commission.

Albany, N. Y., March 27.—Supreme Court Justice Fitts today handed down a decision upholding the constitutionality of the public service commission. The commission brought suit against the Economic Power company for failure to pay the fees assessed because of the non-filing of reports. The company insisted that the commission's act was unconstitutional.

Reduction in Coal.

New York, Mch 27.—Announcement of the usual spring reduction in the prices of anthracite coal was made today by the coal carrying roads. The reduction is the customary one of fifty cents per ton in tide-water prices of domestic sizes for the month of April.

Allow Passengers to Land.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 27.—The American line steamship Merion, from Liverpool, which was detained at the state quarantine because of two supposed cases of small pox, entered the harbor today and the 500 passengers were all allowed to land. Two Russians are detained.

REFORM CANDIDATE MAKES POOR RACE IN CITY ELECTION

GEORGE ALEXANDER WINS OUT
FOR MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES
BY SMALL MAJORITY.

Voters Choose Harper's Successor by
Narrow Margin of 1,600 Over the
Socialist Aspirant.

Los Angeles, March 27.—George Alexander, the candidate of the reform element, was victorious in yesterday's recall election over Fred C. Wheeler, the Socialist nominee, by a narrow plurality of 1,650 votes out of a total of more than 25,000 cast. Wheeler carried five of the city's nine wards, but Alexander's lead in the third, fourth and fifth wards overcame Wheeler's slight pluralities.

There was a small scattering vote, bringing the total considerably above half of the normal vote of the city. The large vote of Wheeler was a surprise, it being the general belief since the withdrawal of former Mayor Harper as a candidate that Alexander would have an overwhelming majority.

Wheeler's showing is explained by the fact that he was supported by various elements, united by a common opposition to the reform element and the recall principle of municipal law.

Elevator Boy Proves Hero.

New York, Mch 27.—Twenty-four families in a fashionable apartment building on west One hundredth and Seventh street were saved today when the elevator boy, William Vanderpoff, ran his car up and down until all were saved from the fire which threatened the building.

No Truth in Rumors.

Guantanamo, March 27.—The report of an explosion on the Mississippi is false. Messages from the naval station say that the ship is lying at anchor without a sign of disturbance.

PUNISHMENT METED OUT BY MERE PRANK OF FATE

Haverhill, Mass., Mch 27.—Charles A. Quimby got mad when his bed-ridden wife asked him to stay at home last night and threw a burning lamp at her. As a result Quimby's clothing caught fire and he died today. Mrs. Quimby will recover.

ATTEMPTS TO JUMP OFF TRAIN

MRS. HELEN BOYLE MAKES
PERATE EFFORT TO
ESCAPE.

PLACED IN JAIL AT MERCER

DENIES ALL COMPLICITY IN
KIDNAPING OF THE WHIT-
LA BOY.

ADMITS HAVING THE MONEY

REFUSES TO TELL OFFICERS
IN WHAT MANNER SHE
GOT IT.

Pittsburg, Mch 27.—Following a foolhardy and sensational attempt to leap from a train, which took her to Pittsburg to the jail at Mercer, Mrs. Helen Boyle, accused of connection with the Whitla kidnaping, was placed in jail at Mercer this morning and finally consented to talk, though her remarks were rambling. Mrs. Boyle stoutly denied her complicity in the Whitla kidnaping and denied that she is a daughter of William McDermott of Chicago.

"Why should a respectable family want to claim me?" she asked. "I am not related to them, and besides my name is Helen, not Anna."

"Do you deny having any part in the kidnaping?"

"I most certainly do," she replied. When asked where her home is, she replied "New York state." She admitted having the money found on her in Cleveland, but declined to say where she got it.

While Mrs. Boyle was being taken from this city to the jail at Mercer, she nearly eluded the officers and succeeded in jumping from the Bessemer & Lake Erie train, running thirty miles an hour. Seeing the brakeman open a rear door of the car the woman jumped from her seat and tried to leap from the platform. Frustrated, she tried to open a window, but was held. There was no other incident, and she was locked up in the Mercer jail.

BANK GUARANTY LAW IN KANSAS MAKES TROUBLE

Washington, March 27.—Senator Curtis of Kansas called on Taft today in connection with the operating of the bank guaranty law in Kansas. The situation is said to be growing acute. He said that the state banks are taking advantage of the law and are advertising guaranty as against no guaranty for the national banks, much to the disadvantage of the latter. Several Kansas officials may get a hearing before the president.

WIFE BARES STORY OF HER SHAME TO SAVE LIFE OF HER HUSBAND

Denver, Mch 27.—In an effort to exonerate her husband for the shooting of Frederick W. Walton for which he is now on trial, Mrs. John H. Cradlebaugh today took the stand in his defense and told without hesitation of her relations with Walton and of the discovery of Walton in her room by her husband on December 8, 1908. She told how she held her husband and pushed him from the room while Walton escaped, but her testimony regarding her later relations with Walton was not admitted. At the convening of court, Cradlebaugh continued his testimony and told in graphic words of his meeting with Walton on the streets of Denver, of Walton's refusal to disclose the whereabouts of his wife and child, and of the shooting.

HOUSE WILL LENGTHEN HOURS

SESSIONS WILL BE MADE LONG-
ER TO EXPEDITE DISCUS-
SIONS ON TARIFF.

MANY MEMBERS WISH TO TALK

HARRISON SAYS THAT NATION
WAS FAST APPROACHING
BANKRUPTCY.

HEAVY TAXES UPON WOMEN

NEW BILL PUTS HEAVIER DUT-
TIES ON GLOVES AND COT-
TON STOCKINGS.

Washington, March 27.—By unanimous consent the house today, in order to expedite the discussion of the tariff bill, began at 10 a. m., with recess at 12 noon and resumed at 2 o'clock. Mr. Clark of Missouri, the minority leader, and Mr. Payne, both declared themselves unable to find time for as many members as wished to speak on the bill. Mr. Harrison, the new democratic member of the ways and means committee of New York, then took the floor.

Declaring that there would be no discussion in the democratic ranks of the house in regard to the tariff bill, he said that the Fitzgerald amendment to the tariff bill was a possible minority to express its views upon amendments to the bill by a record vote. Representative Harrison of New York today discussed various features of the Payne measure.

"Under republican management," he said, "the nation was fast approaching bankruptcy."

"This bill contains heavy taxes upon the women of America," he continued, "in many respects they seem to have been singled out for attack. The new taxes upon tea and coffee, upon women's gloves and cotton stockings are a direct provocation to woman suffrage. If this tariff bill does not bring about the franchise of women, their cause is hopeless. But the most serious aspect is that these duties fall more heavily upon the poor than upon the rich."

"The increased tax upon cotton stockings is even more serious than those upon women's gloves. In hose and half hose the enormous increases in taxation are entirely upon the cheaper grades."

"The great danger of the situation is that the lowering of the tariff rates is to be used as a pretext for lowering wages."

"I have not the slightest doubt that the American manufacturers of steel and iron are strong enough to enter every market of the world."

Mr. Harrison declared that every item on the steel and iron schedule should be put on the free list in order to cheapen the prices of the products to the American consumers. He attacked the maximum and minimum

provision of the bill, the countervailing duty on coffee and said that the democratic party favored an income tax rather than an inheritance tax.

Longworth in Defense.

Declaring that the Payne bill is a practical fulfillment of the pledges of the republican party, Representative Longworth, of Ohio, spoke in defense of its various provisions.

"No tariff bill in history that I know of has ever been framed by democrats and republicans acting together," said Mr. Longworth. "It is a matter of personal regret to me that I cannot have the pleasure of seeing a complete democratic tariff measure. I confess to a feeling of deep curiosity to know upon what basis the gentleman from Missouri and the gentleman from Alabama and the gentleman from Texas, could have met."

Mr. Longworth declared the republicans do not claim that the Payne bill is in all respects perfect. "No one of us believes that there is everything in it which ought to be in it and nothing in it which ought not to be," he said. "We do claim for it, however, that it respects a bona fide revision of the tariff from top to bottom."

"The republican party always has favored and always will favor the policy of protection but we do not favor rates so high as to shelter monopolies and which amounts in effect to prohibition."

Mr. Longworth defended the expenditures of the government and said that he believed that the time is at hand when the government must spend more for the improvement of inland waterways. He said coal and iron have been placed on the free list and the lumber tariff cut in half in order to conform with the proposed conservation of the natural resources.

O'BRIEN DOWN AND OUT BUT THE GONG BARELY SAVES HIM

KETCHEL CLEARLY OUTCLASSES
PHILADELPHIAN IN TEN
ROUND BATTLE.

Abe Attell Knocks Out Frankie White
of Chicago in Eighth Round of
Twenty-Round Bout.

New York, Mch 27.—Not since the repeal of the Horton law, which stopped the big fist fights in this city, has such a fast and furious contest been seen here in the squared circle as that last night in which Stanley Ketchel, the middleweight champion, defeated Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, at the National Athletic club. Many thought O'Brien would do some stalling in this fight, but every one who saw the fight was agreeably surprised for it was a clean knockout for the timely clang of the going found the Philadelphia in a hopeless state. It was Ketchel's fight for the greater part of the contest and O'Brien has no excuse to make over the outcome.

Attell Gets Knockout.

Dayton, O., Mch 26.—Abe Attell, featherweight champion of the world, knocked out Frankie White of Chicago, in the eighth round of what was to have been a twenty-round bout here last night. The end was not unexpected as the Californian had his antagonist groggy practically throughout the whole mill.

Just after White went down from a hard blow on the point of the jaw, James J. Corbett, who has been playing at a local theater, was introduced. He and Attell did a little fancy show boxing to the delight of the spectators. Corbett thanked the crowd for its welcome, but did not mention the challenge he had recently made to Jack Johnson.

YOUNG GIRL TO WED JAPANESE SERVANT

Seattle, Wash., March 27.—Cunjiro Aoki, who was a servant in the house of Bishop Emery of San Francisco, was granted a license to wed Miss Helen Gladys Emery here this morning. The Emery family are registered at a leading hotel. The young couple are believed to have gone to some minister's house for the ceremony.

MAJ. B. RUPPE GIVES UP GUARD

CHIEF EXECUTIVE ACCEPTS RES-
IGNATION OF POPULAR
OFFICER.

GOVERNOR LEAVES TONIGHT

WILL VISIT RATON AND SPRING-
ER AND SPEND SOME TIME
IN LAS VEGAS.

A. A. SENA GETS GOOD PLACE

RECEIVES APPOINTMENT AS OF-
FICER OF TERRITORIAL
MOUNTED POLICE.

Santa Fe, N. M., March 27.—Governor Curry will leave tonight for Raton, Springer and East Las Vegas. He goes to Raton to inspect the work done on the scenic highway at that point by convicts from the territorial penitentiary. On his way home he will visit Springer to arrange for the establishment of the reform school at that place, provided for by the recent legislature. He will also spend several hours in Las Vegas between trains on Monday afternoon.

Governor Curry today announced the appointment of A. A. Sena of Las Vegas as an officer of the territorial mounted police.

Adjutant General R. A. Ford today announced several important changes in the national guard. The resignation of Major B. Ruppe of Albuquerque has been accepted by Governor Curry and Captain W. C. Porterfield of Silver City is relieved as regimental quartermaster and is assigned to the temporary command of the first infantry.

Captain L. W. Ilfeld of Las Vegas will assume the duties as regimental quartermaster. The resignation of Major Ruppe marks the retirement from the national guard of one of the oldest members in point of service.

Great Interest in Debate.

Cincinnati, O., March 27.—Owing to the widespread interest in the debates between Mayor Rose of Milwaukee and Dr. Samuel Dickie, representing the prohibition party, the city of Cincinnati has invited Rose to appear here for the next debate.

SOLDIER FINISHING LAST LAP OF WALK

Mobile, Ala., Mch 27.—On the last lap of an 1,800 mile walk under direction of the United States army, T. R. Deckgrow, member of company A, army corps, arrived last night. He has worn out eight pairs of army shoes. He has five days to walk 128 miles to Gulfport, Miss., his destination. He started on January 1, from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

WISHES TO RE-ORGANIZE BIG BANKRUPT COMPANY

Chicago, March 27.—P. A. Valentine, a heavy stockholder in the bankrupt A. Booth & Co., fish and oyster house, proposes the reorganization of the company. He proposes taking \$1,000,000 from his own pocket to be distributed among the 150 banks holding \$5,000,000 in Booth paper and the remaining 80 per cent of their claims to be satisfied with \$1,500,000 first mortgage bonds and \$2,500,000 in common stock.

British Do Not Fear Castro.

London, Mch 27.—Report that the British government has been making inquiry concerning the movement of Castro, is declared untrue. It is stated that the government is not interested in the movements of the former Venezuelan president. Castro is on his way to the Port of Spain, Trinidad.